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HB 5326

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Marjory Knecht and I live in Forestville, CT.

It is very disturbing to me, that the Connecticut Legislature is once again considering the idea that bill, HB5326 Physician-Assisted Suicide, represents.

Is it compassion.... to prescribe life-ending medication for someone who may be facing imminent death, rather than referring them to palliative and hospice care?

Is it compassion... to allow someone who may be facing imminent death to ingest life-ending medication alone?

The message is crystal clear, 'your life is worthless now that you are no longer productive'.

Physician-assisted suicide does not promote compassion because its focuses on eliminating the patient rather than eliminating his suffering.

A more apt name for this bill is, Killing Terminally Ill Patients, Particularly the Elderly, - a group especially vulnerable in legislation of this kind. The potential for abuse in this bill is mind-boggling.

Please vote NO on this bill.